

Proclamation

In the statewide effort to address the homeless situation, the community has come together to help ensure that the homeless get the medical and health services they deserve.

Dr. Alan Tice, an associate professor of medicine and infectious disease specialist at the University of Hawai'i, established the Outpatient Intravenous Infusion Therapy Association (OPIVITA), a non-profit organization that promotes prevention, education, treatment and research of infectious diseases among the underprivileged and homeless population.

On July 28, Dr. Alan Tice and the Hepatitis Prevention, Education, Treatment and Support Network of Hawai'i will host the "Save a Life" Safety Kit project at the Next Step Homeless Shelter in Kaka'ako, featuring health education and testing for Hepatitis, HIV and Hansen's disease. The theme is, "E Ho'omalu Kakoa I Ka Po'e Nele A Hune," which translates to Let's Shelter and Protect Those Who are in Need.

Personal hygiene safety kits to aid in the battle against the spread of infectious diseases have been prepared by the Hepatitis Prevention, Education, Treatment and Support Network of Hawai'i and will be distributed to those infected with Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim July 28, 2006, as

"SAVE A LIFE" SAFETY KIT PROJECT DAY

in Hawai'i, and thank everyone involved for their dedication and compassion in giving so generously of their time and resources to help prevent the spreading of infectious diseases.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourteenth day of July 2006.

Linda Lingle

Governor, State of Hawai'i

James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.

Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i